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Population for Meagher County & Related Areas

076,256

926,926

288,719

**Total Population** 

261,206

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# Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2005 (In 2005 Dollars) \$45,000 \$40,000 \$35,000 \$30,000 \$25,000 \$20,000 Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2004 (In 2005 Dollars) \$40,000 004 Per Capita Person **United States** \$35,000 \$27,657 Montana: \$30,000 \$25,000 \$20,000 \$15,000 MEAGHER COUNTY \$10,000 1995 2000 2001 1992 1993 1996 1991 1998 1999 Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System This public document was produced for web distribution. Printed copies are available upon request, and are produced at an estimated cost of \$0.50 per copy, which includes \$0.50 for

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Resources for Meagher County

'U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program www.visitmt.com/categories/city.asp?siteid=1&city=white+sulphur+springs

In town, tourists can visit the Castle (featured on the front cover), a prominent Victorian Era landmark and home of the Meagher County Museum, which features period furniture, mineral samples, clothing and artifacts from the region's past.<sup>2</sup>

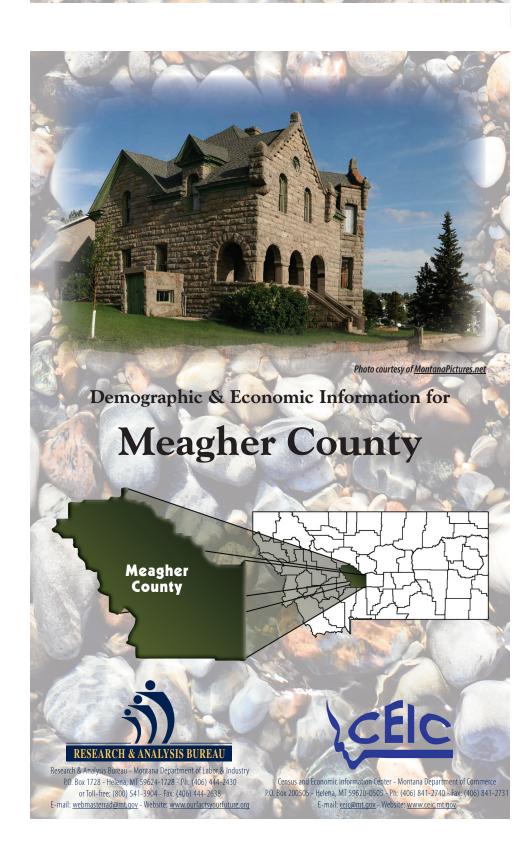
hunting opportunities.

White Sulphur Springs was named for the white deposits around the natural hot springs that have drawn people to the area since time immemorial. Crow Chief Plenty Coups recalled pilgrimages by warriors to the medicinal mud baths. In 1886, James Brewer "discovered" the area, and developed the hot springs into a stage stop and resort. Today, visitors still soak in these natural mineral pools at Spa Hot Springs.<sup>2</sup> In addition to the hot springs, visitors seek out the area for its abundant fishing, camping, hiking, and

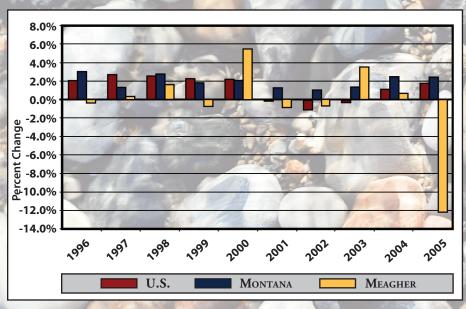
County include Martinsdale and Ringling.

Meagher County is Montana's forty-sixth most populous county, with an estimated 1,999 residents in 2005. White Sulphur Springs, the county seat, is the state's fifty-fifth largest city, with a population estimated at 1,017 in 2005. Other towns in Meagher

MEAGHER COUNTY



## Percent Change in Employment: 1996 to 2005 U.S., Montana, and Meagher County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

### Top 15 Private Employers in Meagher County (Based on 3rd Quarter 2006 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Bank of the Rockies	4	Showdown Montana	3
Berg Garage Inc	2	6666 Ranch	2
Camas Creek Cattle & Sheep Co.	2	Spa Hot Springs Motel	3
Dempsey's Tavern	3	Stage Line Pizza	2
Equestrian Center	2	Stockman Bar	
Mathis Food Farm	3	Super 8 Motel	3
Mountainview Medical Center	5	Town Pump Food Stores	3
Seventy-One Ranch LP	3		

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Number of Average Annual Annual Wages

### **Agricultural Statistics - Meagher County**

	Market 1990 Control of the Control o	ALC: NO.
	Farms	
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ij	Farms: (number)	136
*	Land in farms (acres)	857,215
0	Average size of farms (acres)	6,303
	Farms by size: (number)	
	Less than 1,000 acres	54
è	1,000 acres or more	82
	Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
	Less than \$100,000	90
1	\$100,000 or more	46
3	Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Z	Family, Individual, Partnership	110
Ž	Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	26
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Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	45,46
Hogs and pigs	1)
Sheep and lambs	4,96
Horses and ponies	82
Bison	13
Chickens (layers and broilers)	1)
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	1)
Corn for silage or greenchop	1)
Wheat for grain, All	10,08
Winter wheat for grain	6,30
Durum wheat for grain	
Spring wheat for grain	3,78
Barley for grain	11,85
Oats for grain	1,12
Sunflower seed, All	_
Soybeans for beans	
Hay, haylage, grass silage	47,41

### **Operator Demographics**

Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	104
Other	32
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	113
Not on farm operated	23
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	30
10 years or more	106
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	66
55 years and over	70
Average age of operators: (number)	55.5

**Average Annual** 

**Annual Wages** 

Per Job

\$7,146

\$8,050

\$6,602 \$95,010

\$10,920

\$25,141

\$19,556 \$31,171

\$40,309

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002 (D) - Not Disclosable

# Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2005 - Meagher County

Industry

Industry	Establishments	Employment	Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	107	622	\$24,313
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Food and beverage stores	2	*	*
Gasoline stations	2	*	*
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	2	*	*
General merchandise stores	1	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	1	*	*
INFORMATION	2	*	*
Publishing industries, except Internet	1	*	*
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	1	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	2	*	*
Credit intermediation & related activity	1	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	1	*	*
	TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES  TOTAL PRIVATE  AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTANIMAL Production  Forestry and logging  Agriculture & forestry support  MINING  UTILITIES  CONSTRUCTION  Construction of buildings  Heavy and civil engineering construction  Specialty trade contractors  MANUFACTURING  Food manufacturing  Textile product mills  WHOLESALE TRADE  RETAIL TRADE  Motor vehicle and parts dealers  Building material & garden supply stores  Food and beverage stores  Gasoline stations  Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores  General merchandise stores  TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING  INFORMATION  Publishing industries, except Internet  ISPs, search portals, & data processing  FINANCE AND INSURANCE  Credit intermediation & related activity	TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES 107 TOTAL PRIVATE 86 AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING 17 Animal production 12 Forestry and logging 5 Agriculture & forestry support 1 MINING 11 UTILLITIES 11 CONSTRUCTION 14 Construction of buildings 5 Heavy and civil engineering construction 2 Specialty trade contractors 7 MANUFACTURING 2 Food manufacturing 1 Textile product mills 1 WHOLESALE TRADE 1 RETAIL TRADE 10 Motor vehicle and parts dealers 2 Building material & garden supply stores 1 Food and beverage stores 2 Gasoline stations 2 Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores 2 General merchandise stores 1 TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING 1 INFORMATION 2 Publishing industries, except Internet 1 ISPs, search portals, & data processing 1 FINANCE AND INSURANCE 2 Credit intermediation & related activity 1	Industry         Establishments         Employment           TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES         107         622           TOTAL PRIVATE         86         457           AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING         17         74           Animal production         12         69           Forestry and logging         5         *           Agriculture & forestry support         1         *           MINING         1         *           UTILITIES         1         *           CONSTRUCTION         14         36           Construction of buildings         5         *           Heavy and civil engineering construction         2         *           Specialty trade contractors         7         20           MANUFACTURING         2         *           Food manufacturing         1         *           Textile product mills         1         *           WHOLESALE TRADE         1         *           RETAIL TRADE         10         52           Motor vehicle and parts dealers         2         *           Building material & garden supply stores         1         *           Food and beverage stores         2         *

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Ye	ear	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
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20	004	936	886	50	5.3%
20	003	916	868	48	5.2%
20	002	889	839	50	5.6%
20	001	969	915	54	5.6%
20	000	993	936	57	5.7%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)